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APPLICANT: ANDREW SEALFON
FOR: MECHANICAL VARIABLE RATE FLOW CONTROL FOR A
CONSTANT PRESSURE IV DELIVERY SYSTEM
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EXAMINER: Kevin C. Sirmons, Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3763

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of 09/13/2004.

Enclosed is REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE providing instructions for amending claim 1 addressing the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and also addressing the objections to the specification.

Also accompanying this reply is an informal drawing adding a reference to inlet 11 and deleting the reference to "8."

The general terms "a piston-contacting means," and "camming means" used in claim 1 as filed have been replaced in claim 1 by terms used in the specification, and such usage thus provides the antecedent basis requested.

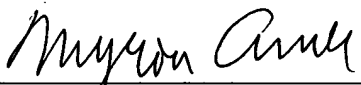
Claim 1 subsets C and D have been amended to clarify that rotational movements of the knob with depending bosses from an underside surface of the knob are effective to make camming engagement with the pistons to produce capillary flow, as a substitute for prior art

finger manipulation of switches which are prone to switch selection error. Stated somewhat differently, the pre-selection with the certainty this entails of the locations of the bosses on the underside of the rotating knob correlated to flow rates obviates errors in user individual switch selection as noted at specification page 3, lines 10-13.

For the foregoing reasons, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

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